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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the U.S. Nationalization Application  
of PCT/EP99/07826 of ISAK et al.

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For: A PROCESS FOR DRYING PHENOXYMETHYLBENZOIC ACIDS

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. National Stage application, kindly  
amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

3. A process as claimed in [either of claims 1 and 2] claim 1, wherein solvent residues are partly removed by washing with water before drying.
4. A process as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein a phoxymethylbenzoic acid with a water and/or solvent content of from 0.1 to 50% by weight is employed.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better form for U.S. practice. Favorable action on the application is solicited.